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In re Application of: Asgeir Saebo *et al.*

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Entitled: **CONJUGATED LINOLEIC ACID ALKYL ESTERS IN FEED
STUFFS AND FOOD**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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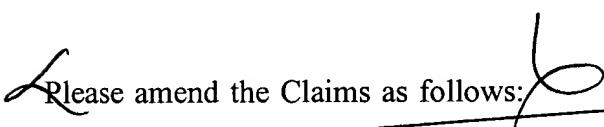

Mary Ellen Waite

Sir:

The following communication is responsive to the Office Action mailed June 21, 2000.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS:


Please amend the Claims as follows:

~~Subj. Comp.~~ (Amended twice) A conjugated linoleic acid alkyl ester for safe use as a feed, food ingredient, or food supplement obtained by direct isomerization of an unrefined linoleic acid comprising


a [conjugated linoleic acid alkyl ester] composition of isomers in one part comprising at least 50 percent by weight of ester isomers selected from the group consisting of c9,t11-octadecadienoic acid alkyl ester and t10,c12-[octadecanoic]octadecadienoic acid alkyl ester, and combinations thereof, and